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Out-of-state waivers to assist recruiting

Leon: 'We want the best possible performers'

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Departments already offering performing aid scholarships will now be able to waive out-of-state tuition for a limited number of prospective students.

College President Julio Leon recently authorized one out-of-state fee waiver (valued at \$972 for this academic year) for every six performing aids given by a department. According to a memorandum from Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, the waiver does not change the residency of the students.

"We want the best possible performers," Leon said. "This stretches a particular department's ability to attract out-of-state performers."

Leon said the move would bring departments in line with athletics, which frequently hands out performing aids and out-of-state tuition waivers to recruits.

"The idea, of course, is to treat everybody the same," Leon said.

Dave Delaney, debate coach, said he is recruiting now and will use the waivers allotted him to attract "the best possible student."

Delaney supports the fee waiver, but admits the idea has its advantages and disadvantages.

"This would allow us to reach a broader base of people," he said. "There could be a problem with bringing someone from a long distance. If they come here and then decide they don't like it, they can be gone in two or three weeks."

Val Christensen, head of the fine arts department, also supports the waivers, but will look at what he can do with waivers inside the department in addition to offering them to new students.

"We've been trying to work on a person-by-person basis to see if we can attract the best people to build up this program," Christensen said. "But there are several individuals already in the department proving to be sparkplugs who are from the four-state area."

Christensen believes attracting out-of-state students will force the students already in the fine arts department to improve.

"The concept is important," he said, "because it is more productive to create a competitive environment that brings everybody up and helps them to improve. 'It's really for the benefit of everybody.'"



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Anna's Day

Anna Miller, a senior biology major, was honored at the State Capitol yesterday with Anna Miller Day. Gov. John Ashcroft (right) congratulated Miller on her selection to USA Today's All-USA Academic First Team.

Southern hires new plant head

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Robert Beeler, plant maintenance coordinator for the University of Arkansas, has been named Missouri Southern's physical plant director, effective March 12.

The College ended its search for a new physical plant director last week after interviewing seven finalists for the position, which originally drew 91 applicants.

Beeler was interviewed Jan. 25 and met with several College officials, including President Julio Leon and Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs.

Beeler will replace Howard Dugan, who will leave at the end of March.

"Hopefully, Howard can provide him with the information he needs," Tiede said. "Howard has done a fine job, and I think the overlap will be beneficial."

Tiede said two criteria helped Beeler attain the job. Tiede said the College was looking for a person with good human relation skills who was "empathetic with his subordinates." Beeler's technical experience also was a factor.

"He was a unanimous choice," Tiede said. "We tried to get the input of everyone who talked with him. Without a doubt he was the consensus choice."

Beeler, plant maintenance coordinator at the University of Arkansas for 15 years, said he was "delighted" with what he saw when he visited the campus.

"I'm not inheriting any problems," he said. "I'm used to dealing with much older facilities. I expect it to be much easier in certain aspects."

"I'm anxious to begin work," Dugan, who met with Beeler, was positive about Beeler's appointment.

"He seemed pleased with the campus," Dugan said. "He'll be a good asset to the College."

Beeler, who has studied civil engineering at the University of Arkansas, lists skills in land and construction site surveying techniques. He is proficient with many types of computers and software.

SMSU graduate programs doing well here

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Increasing demand for graduate-level courses has brought steady enrollment for Southwest Missouri State University graduate programs on Missouri Southern's campus.

According to Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs at Southern, the courses were added 10 years ago to meet a demand in the community.

"It was our feeling that there was a real need to supply a graduate education to our community," Belk said. "But through the legislation establishing Missouri Southern, we did not have the option of establishing graduate courses here."

Southern asked SMSU to offer master's

programs in business and education here.

"The education and the business departments at SMSU have constructed a program where in a two-year cycle a student could get their master's degree. We have had a number of students receive a master's degree in that manner," said Belk.

Although the courses are taught here, Belk said control of the programs is completely in the hands of SMSU.

"The faculty is totally the SMSU faculty," he said. "This is their program, and their faculty travel to our campus and teach their courses. Our students receive their degrees, so it's cooperative only in that we allow them to use our facilities here."

Course offerings this spring include one course in the business program and four

in education. All of these are taught as evening courses on a weekly basis.

Education, according to Belk, has been the stronger of the two programs with more than 100 students on average. The business program has had an average enrollment of more than 20.

"Apparently the education program seems to be more popular than the business program at this time. Growth in the business program has not been as strong as we had expected," Belk said.

Although the existence of the graduate courses provides no direct benefits for Southern, Belk said it furthers the College's ability to serve the community.

"Missouri Southern is in existence to help the community, and it was our determination to offer the master's degree here.

Since we were unable to offer it ourselves, we asked someone who could come to our campus and teach those courses," Belk said.

Continued demand for graduate-level courses likely will result in the implementation of Southern's own graduate program, Belk said.

"If Missouri Southern is to ever offer a graduate education, the legislation that established the College will have to change. The programs would have to be approved by the Governor and the General Assembly before we could ever have such a program," he said. "However, the pressures are growing and the needs are growing, and eventually we will have a graduate program."

Alternatives exist for crime reports, says Tiede

College officials are maintaining their refusal to unconditionally release security reports relating to recent vandalism on campus.

Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, spoke with College attorney John Dermott about the situation.

In a Feb. 1 letter to Chris Clark, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*, Tiede said "it appears questionable as to whether the 'Sunshine Law' is even applicable to departmental meetings and records, since the actual law relates to 'public governmental bodies.'"

Tiede said he would feel "uncomfortable" releasing the information identifying the names of the victims. He said, if requested, the College could release the information with the names deleted.

"Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34CFR 99.3 exempts records of a law enforcement unit if the records are 'disclosed only to law enforcement officials.' If disclosed beyond that, they become educational records subject to the Act."

Tiede said the act requires written consent to disclose personally identifiable information from the student's educational records.

Tiede said two "alternative" courses of action can be taken to get the information released. The College would provide copies of the actual security reports with the personally identifiable materials deleted, or release the reports in their entirety after obtaining written consents from the students.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Here's a crawdad

Dr. Vonnie Prentice, professor of biology, assists Hsiao-Hui Lin, senior chemistry major, with an independent study project at the biology pond. The secretion process in pond crayfish is the topic of the study.

Facing possible elimination, ROTC seeks enrollment boost

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Due to low enrollment in its program, the ROTC has started an education campaign about itself aimed at the campus.

Captain Robert Hellams said present enrollment is 60 to 75 percent of the normal level.

"I think a lot of the problem is ignorance on the part of faculty and students," said Master Sergeant Robert Rose. "They think of ROTC and they think it's 'Raise your right hand.' It's not like that."

Instead, according to Hellams, the ROTC program requires no commitment until junior and senior levels of study. The ROTC will not accept applications to join the Army until a student has completed at least two years of courses.

"Most students in our classes will not even enter the military," said Hellams. "Only ones who express an interest in joining are then trained in leadership for the Army."

Most ROTC courses at the freshman and sophomore level are "survival" courses.

"Many people think that what we do is paint our faces in camouflage and crawl on our stomachs and eat snakes," Hellams said. "Instead we teach basic techniques like, if your car breaks down in Colorado in the middle of winter, what will you do to stay warm and get to help? Most people are surprised and tell me that the course is not what they expected at all."

Hellams also said the ROTC's job is different from the tasks of Army recruiters. He said their job is to "get warm bodies signed up for the Army." The ROTC trains officers and leaders.

"There is the English department and

the math department on campus," he said. "I guess you could say that we would be the leadership department."

"We're trying to make the program more well-known on campus," said James Maupin, dean of the school of technology.

Maupin said Major James Dunn has arranged to meet with faculty of the various schools at Southern, and information has been supplied to local high school counselors.

"We're doing this so that from an adviser standpoint, faculty will know about what the program offers and can let the students know more about it," Maupin said.

Hellams says the program's "biggest push" is through scholarships.

"Some students would not be able to afford college without the help we give them," Hellams said. "I think the difference between this college and some other universities is that many students here pay for their tuition themselves. I think this motivates them to get the most for their money, so students are more involved in the courses at Southern."

If enrollment continues to decrease, the possibility of the program being discontinued by the Army may become a reality, though Maupin said it was "difficult to say right now."

According to Maupin, the program comes close to graduating what the Army considers a reasonable number of students, and the cost of the program is relatively inexpensive to both the College and the government.

Hellams said cuts in the defense budget and the reduction of military personnel due to the changes in Eastern Europe may cause the Army to evaluate ROTC programs for cost effectiveness.

Construction to start soon on apartment

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an effort to keep up with ever-increasing enrollment, Missouri Southern will construct another apartment building on campus.

Ground-breaking for the building, dubbed Apartment H, will take place early next month, according to Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs at Southern.

"We signed the contract at the last Board [of Regents] meeting on Jan. 18," Tiede said.

The College has signed a contract with Dalton-Killinger, a local construction firm, whose bid came in under \$500,000.

"The original estimate for the job was higher than the actual bid," said Tiede. "Originally Dalton-Killinger had estimated the cost would be \$544,000. When the bid came in, it was at \$452,000."

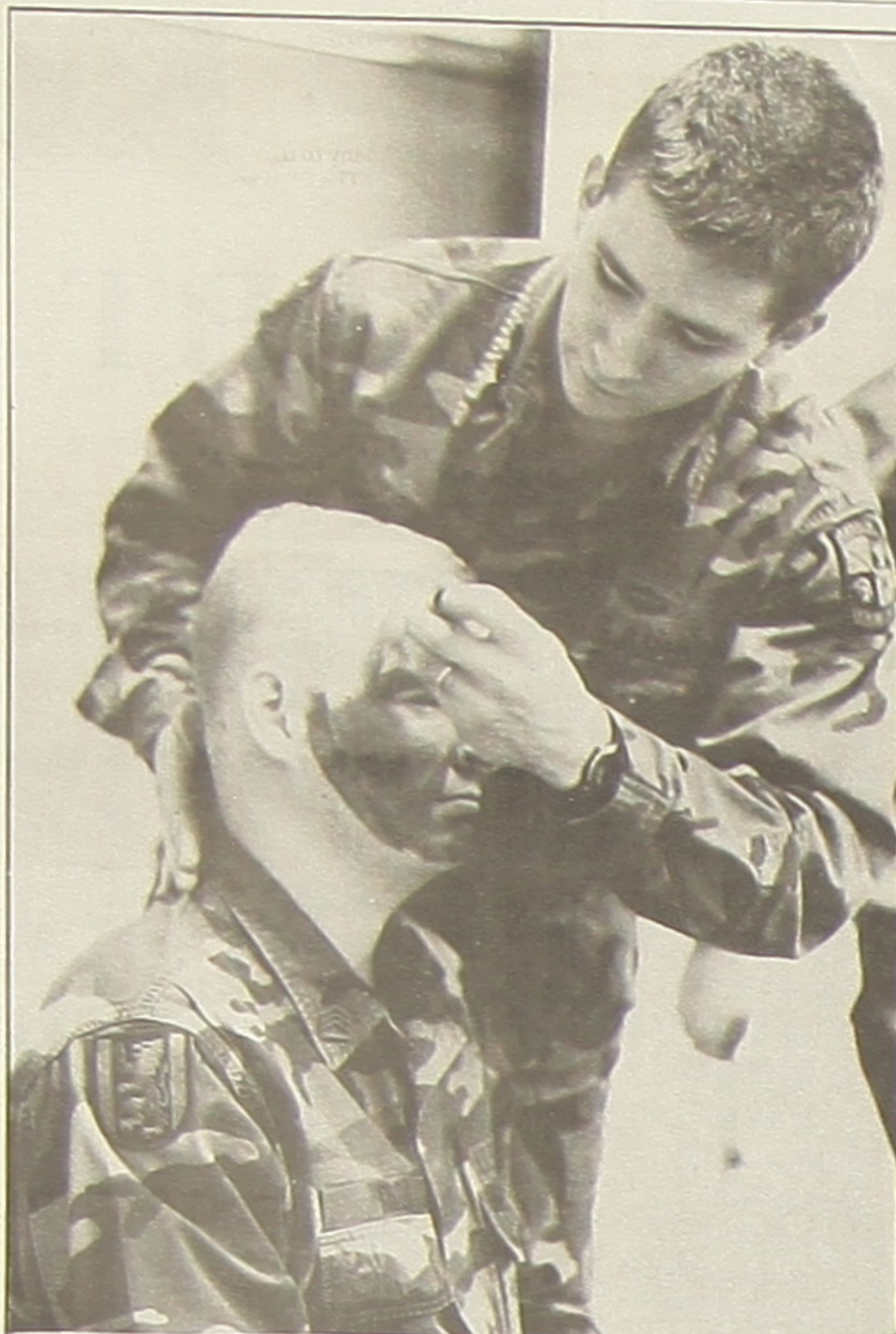
Apartment H will house 40 students in eight apartments, with five people in each unit—similar to the other College apartments. Tiede said the building will retain the "look" of the other dwellings.

Two of the reasons for the construction project was increased enrollment and a desire on the students' part to live near the College. According to Tiede, during the start of the fall semester 50 students who desired on-campus housing went without because all of the buildings were full.

"Last fall was the first significant waiting list we've had," he said. "The new building will house 40 students, but we think this is enough."

"Normally what'll happen is the demand will whittle down somewhat after the first couple of weeks, because of people not showing up for the session or dropping out. It always is a little less than first expected. We normally try to get everybody in."

Additionally, Tiede said, the building will be a stand-alone unit, not tied to the other apartments utility-wise, but would have its own central powerplant.



STAFF PHOTO BY CARINE PETERSON

A touch up

David King gets "made up" by Jason Flammond for training exercises at the military science laboratory.

Faculty, staff member recover from illnesses

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Medical conditions of a faculty member, staff member, and a former faculty member of Missouri Southern have left many on campus concerned.

Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, underwent surgery Jan. 29, and it was then discovered that he had prostate cancer.

However, Banks said it is "one of the most treatable kinds," and that he will have more surgery this summer.

"Actually, I'm really lucky I had this done or I would have been walking around four or five years later with this and not known about it," he said. "We need to encourage all males over 45 or 50 to have annual prostate exams."

According to Dr. James Sandrin, head of the education department, several faculty members have been filling in for Banks during his absence.

Banks said he plans to return to his classes next week. Students are anxious for his return.

"Students have sent cards, flowers, and

candy," said Sandrin. "They have been calling him to hurry him back."

Larry Meacham, photographer for the public information office, suffered a heart attack Jan. 31, but is home now.

After being taken to Oak Hill Hospital, Meacham underwent diagnostic and stress tests to see if surgery was in order.

"He passed the stress tests with good marks, so the doctors have recommended not doing surgery," said Gwen Hunt, director of public information.

According to Hunt, her office is working on a newsletter and is trying to compensate for Meacham's absence.

"We're going to try to find free-lance people to fill in," said Hunt. "He doesn't need this stress right now."

Dr. Gerald Elick, former associate professor of biology, has been in the hospital for the last two weeks.

In early November Elick was diagnosed as having liver disease, considered to have been contracted from a blood transfusion following a surgery.

The disease is a progressive one, and it is not known how long Elick will be in the hospital.

Senate debates funding cap

A proposed amendment to the by-laws that would increase the Student Senate's funding cap from \$1,000 to \$1,500 met opposition during last night's meeting.

The subject was tabled until the Senate's last meeting of the semester. Then it will determine the feasibility of a new funding cap, given its remaining balance.

After the motion was made, several senators spoke in opposition of the proposal, including sophomore Pamela Chong, who argued that changing the amount of money the Senate could give to an organization now would be "unfair to those who asked for our help earlier."

Jerry West, senior senator, also argued against the amendment, saying the Senate might be looked upon as a "payroll for organizations" should the maximum amount of funds be raised.

Under new business, funding requests from the social sciences club (\$1,126) and Sigma Tau Delta, a national English honor society (\$880), were given first readings by acting treasurer Lory St. Clair, who filled in for Anna Miller.

Under old business, the Senate voted to allocate \$337 to Omicron Delta Kappa to send one representative to the organization's national convention.

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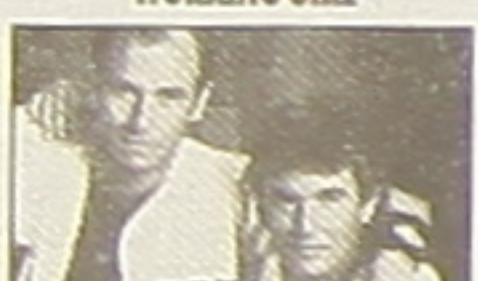
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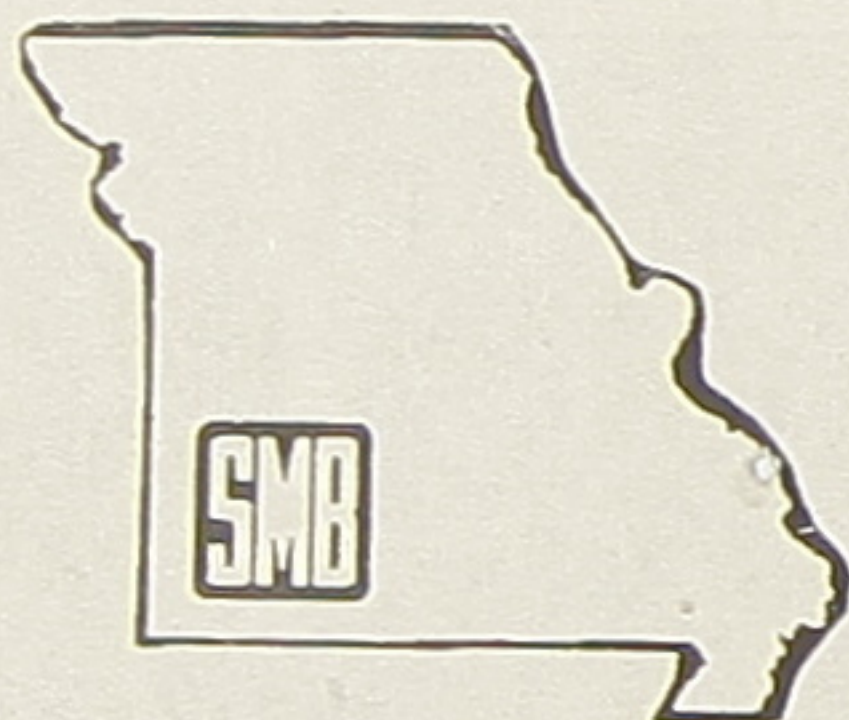
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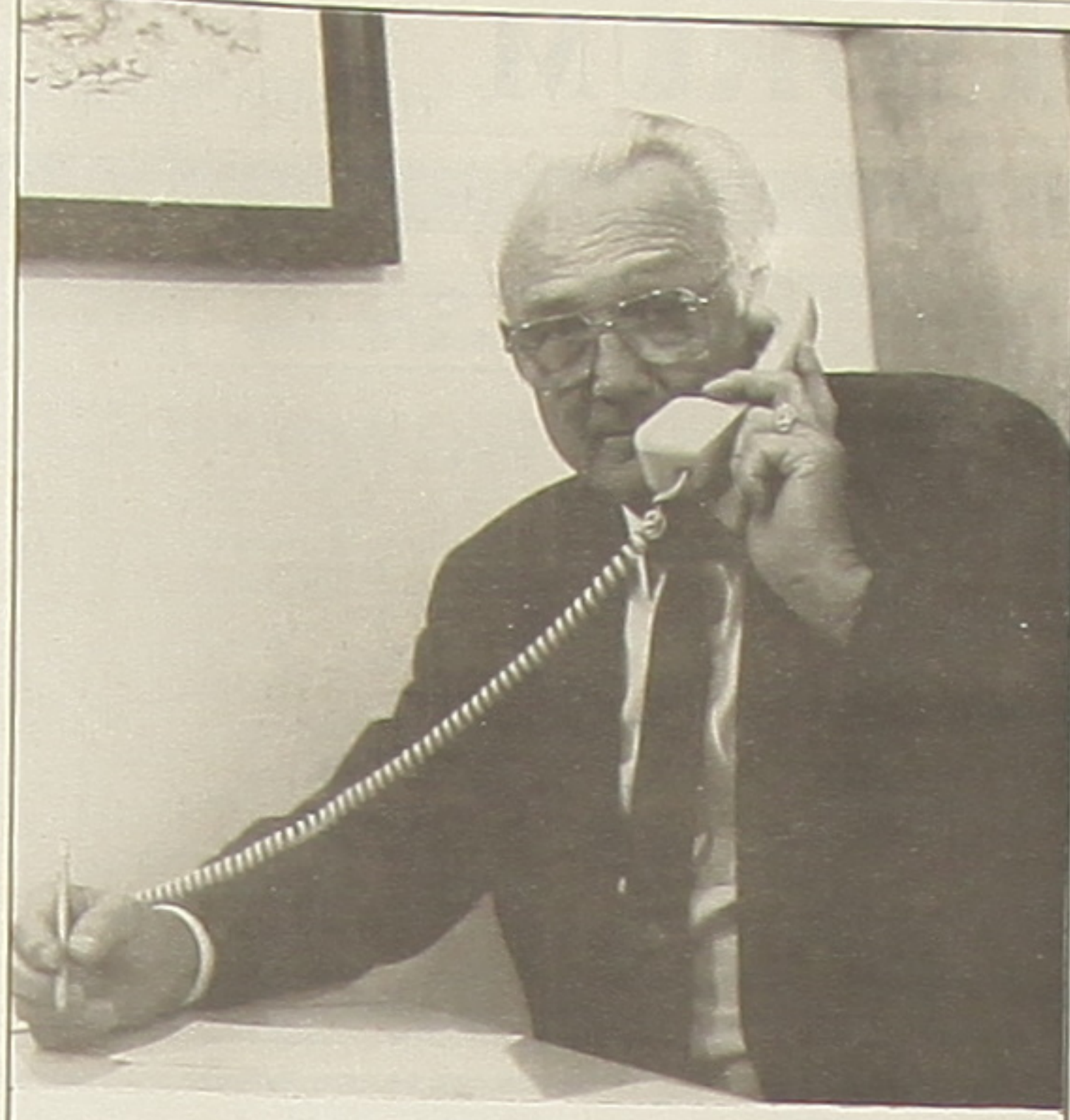


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U.S. Congressman Mel Hancock (R-Missouri) was among the first callers when the Phon-A-Thon kicked off Sunday afternoon. The fund drive ends Feb. 15.

Phon-A-Thon nears \$90,000

The Missouri Southern Foundation is over the halfway mark in meeting this year's goal of \$150,000 as the Phon-A-Thon continues this week. As of last night, the grand total was \$89,946.09.

According to Sue Billingsly, director of the Foundation, a gift of \$15,000 was received on Sunday from an anonymous donor. The Student Senate gave \$500, and the first business gifts were presented by United Missouri Bank and Boatman's Bank of Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crocker of Leggett & Platt in Carthage presented the first corporate gift.

Though Billingsly said she is not sure whether the goal will be reached, she is pleased with the way the Phon-A-Thon is progressing. Volunteers have been turning out everyday to work two shifts. A total of six hours each day is spent making calls.

"Our workers and captains have been going beyond the call of duty," she said. "We've had student volunteers, parents, faculty, and community leaders."

"And we've been pleased so far with all the contributions."

According to Billingsly, tax deductible gifts to the Foundation may be designated for specific use or left for use in an area where the Foundation sees a need. Area businesses are supporting the campaign by providing meals for the callers, gifts for the members and the captains of the teams which record the highest totals, and refreshments for all the volunteer workers.

Volunteers will continue to contact alumni, former students, parents of students, and friends of the College in an effort to raise the funds. The Phon-A-Thon ends Thursday, Feb. 15.

Senate hears ACT COMP plan

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Monday's Faculty Senate meeting, the first of the semester, resulted in the approval of a new program and two new courses and the announcement of a proposed plan to iron out ACT COMP testing problems.

College President Julio Leon enumerated some of the performance indicators Southern would be concerning itself with. Among these is retention of students from admission to graduation, and the number of minorities graduating each year.

Don Seneker, director of the police academy, speaking on behalf of Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, announced a plan the assessment committee had been working on in an effort to decrease the number of students deliberately skewing the results of the ACT COMP test.

The test, given as part of an assessment program recently instituted at Missouri Southern, is required of all seniors.

Some seniors, according to Seneker, believe the administration of the test is unfair or unimportant, and therefore deliberately mark random answers.

Seneker also said that pressure mounting at the end of the semester from the students' regular course load could cause

many to disregard the test as unnecessary.

The proposed plan to curb these actions includes a day added to the academic calendar in which only seniors would be on campus.

Half of the seniors would take the ACT COMP in the morning, the other half in the afternoon. Those testing in the morning would attend a breakfast with an address by Leon. The students testing in the afternoon would have a similar meeting in the form of a luncheon.

"The idea is not to have a meal but to have an opportunity to, one last time, convince them of the importance of the test," Seneker said.

Also as part of the committee's plan, departmental testing could be administered that day when the seniors are not taking the ACT COMP. Faculty not involved in testing likely would participate in workshops or seminars.

Seneker said those students who could not attend the "assessment day" would not be penalized.

"No one is trying to force a hardship on anyone," he said, "and if there is a reason someone can't take the test, there are avenues to have them excused."

Other actions taken at the meeting included the approval of a new program in the school of education and psychology and two new courses in other departments.

The education program, which will provide an emphasis in early childhood education for elementary education majors, will make Southern "a world leader" in this area, according to Dr. Betty Cagle, assistant professor of education.

Dr. Ed Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology, said the program developed from an evaluation of the school's current curriculum. This evaluation was taken to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education where suggestions were made for the development of the courses.

"We contacted all colleges and universities in the area that have early childhood education and studied their programs. Based on all this, we developed the program presented yesterday (Monday)," said Merryman.

Another approval for the school of education and psychology was for a crisis intervention course.

This course, according to Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology, could include students working as volunteers on a crisis intervention hot-line.

"Crisis intervention theory is a broad theory that hot-lines everywhere use, and we will teach that theory," said Paige.

The school of arts and sciences gained approval for a computer applications course in biology.

Getting down to business

From the Business Office, Heames Hall Room 210

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5-1362-5 A Carthage company is looking for a machine shop clerk. A business major is required. Duties would include purchasing, receiving, stocking machine parts and pick-up and delivery. Pay scale is \$4/hr, 4-5 hrs/day, Mon-Sat. Come by HH 144-F if interested.

5-1630-9 A customer qualification position is open at a local trucking company. A qualified applicant would generate phone leads for the sales department. Pay scale is \$3.75/hr, 20-30 hrs/wk. Business majors encouraged to apply. Stop by the Student Employment Services Office for more details.

2-2272-8 A general laborer is needed for a manufacturing company. Would be required to lift concrete and clean up. Pay is \$5/hr. Hours are 1:30-7:30, Mon-Fri. Come by HH 114-F for more info.

2-1362-4 A Carthage company is looking for a cafeteria worker who can work on an as-needed basis. Duties would be preparing food and clean-up in the absence of a regular worker. Shift would be 11-2 during the week and need to be available for evenings if needed. Pay scale is 3.70/hr. Come by HH 114-F if interested.

6-2309-1 A local company is looking for a computer programmer to set up accounts. Pay and hours are negotiable. Accounting system is Peach Tree. Good for majors in computers. Come by HH 114-F for more info.

5-2312-1 A babysitter is needed for a 12 & 9 year old. Hours will rotate in 3-week shifts, either 3-11 or 11-7, could possibly be live-in accommodations. Stop by the Student Employment Services Office for more info.

4-1889-1 A local radio station is looking for an on-the-air announcer. Hours are weekends and fill-in rotating shifts. Pay starts at \$4/hr. Come by HH 114-F for more info.

3-1694-7 A local grocery store is needing a part-time stocker. Pay starts at \$4.60/hr. Grocery stocking experience is required. Hours are 5-midnight or 6-2 a.m., 4 nights/wk. Flexible hrs on weekends. Come by Rm 114-F for more details.

A telemarketing company is opening a new facility in Joplin in March. 50 part-time evening positions are available. Good communication skills are required. Starting salary is \$4.25/hr plus commission. If you enjoy phone contact, come by HH 114-F for further details.

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OUR EDITORIALS

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Southern needs its own program

Few ever would have thought that we could be so embarrassed right here in our own backyard.

The graduate programs in business and education offered by Southwest Missouri State University on our campus serve to affirm Missouri Southern's need for its own graduate programs. Allowing SMSU to offer graduate programs here takes money from the Joplin area and commutes it to Springfield and, in addition, undermines the competition that is inherent between SMSU and MSSC.

Certainly, SMSU and Joplin-area citizens can't lose with this set-up. Students who cannot journey to Springfield are delivered to their door the convenience of quality graduate programs of a far-away institution. However, exploited is this College's inability to offer its students graduate programs, and competition isn't served when someone else is stealing our thunder.

To make Southern a graduate institution would take an act of the state legislature, which seems hard to come by these days. We're having to labor ourselves senseless just to get funds for capital improvements, so it may be useless to ask for graduate programs from lawmakers bent on first readings and inactivity.

But it is a cause which deserves more of our attention and efforts.

Let's not stop

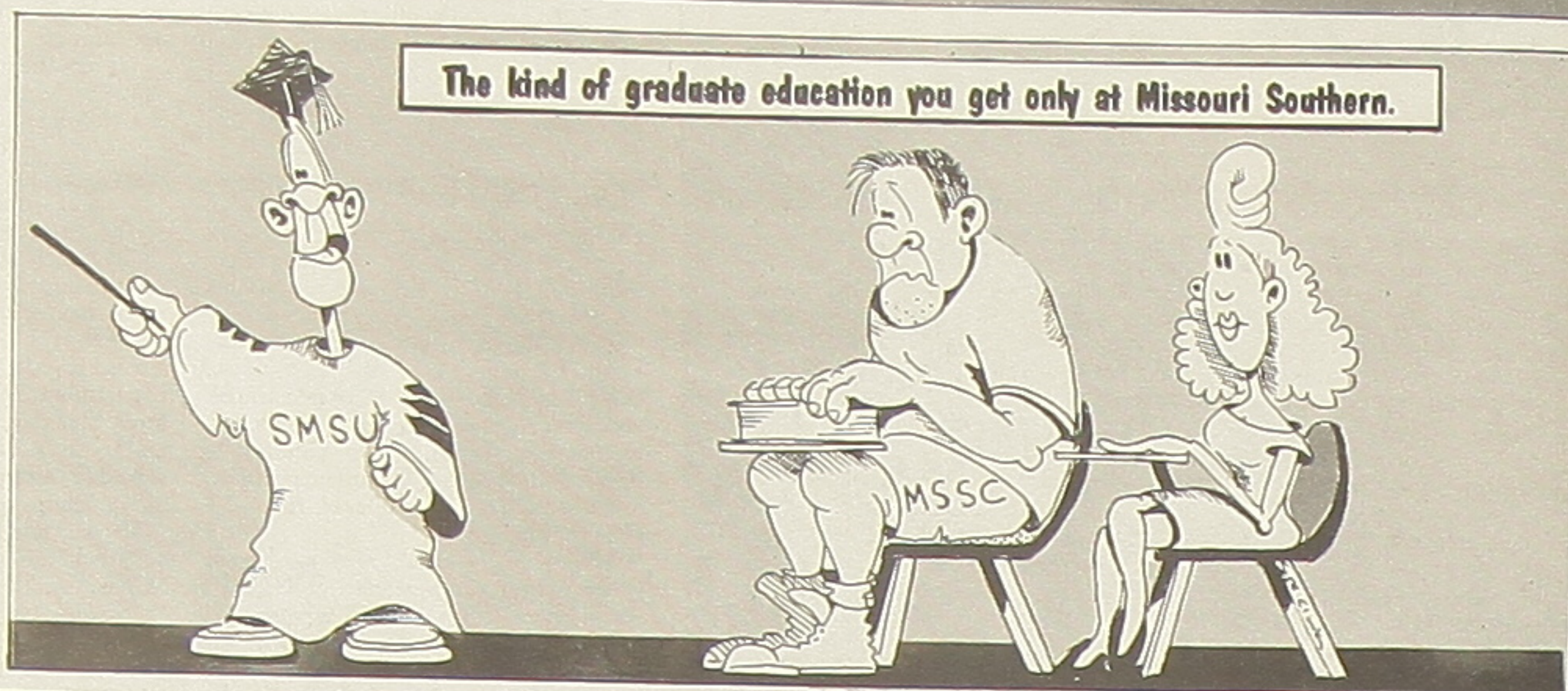
It's time to stand up and take a bow, but it's never time to rest on our laurels.

When the state honored Anna Miller yesterday with her own day, it was not a day just for Anna, but for Missouri Southern as well. She was chosen to the All-USA Academic First Team by *USA Today* and deserves the accolades bestowed upon her.

Other students also are making headway in academics. Lori Bogle, a senior history major, will have a paper published in *The Missouri Historical Review*. Gail Demery, a senior English major, recently returned from the Soviet Union where she participated in an International Model Conference. These are achievements which should not go unnoticed.

While these honors help demonstrate the quality education one can receive at Southern, they also should serve as an impetus for improvement with the realization that an institution's work is never done.

Again, our congratulations go to Anna and everyone who has received deserved recognition for their work. However, there are many more students at Southern who have achieved similar goals but whose work and talents have gone unnoticed.



Those who get sleep are lucky ones

BY NICK COBLE
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Ah, sleep, that commodity that proves so elusive to many college students. I'm not really sure how much sleep a person is supposed to get, seven or eight hours I think, but I'm pretty sure I don't get enough of it.

The other day provides a prime example. I was going about my duties in a comatose fashion after getting about four hours of sleep the night before. While in the darkroom making prints, I was incurring some difficulties and suffering from a poor attitude on photo processing and life in general, so I called it a day. It was about 7 p.m. and a little rest was on the agenda, so I crashed on my bed with the intention of getting an hour or two of much-needed rest. Six hours



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later, I awoke at 1:30 a.m. "It's getting late," I thought. "I'd better get ready for bed."

I've lived in the dorms now for about a year and a half. Dorm life has its good and bad points, convenience being the primary benefit. However, it didn't take long to discover one thing: the dorms generally are not the ideal place for rest and relaxation. But, just as a person living next to a railroad track can block out the sounds of trains roaring past in the night, a dorm resident can block out noises from fellow inhabitants. Occasionally, I will be awakened by noises in the night such as someone slamming a door, talking loudly, or ripping the receiver off the payphone in the hall (to Ma Bell's despair, this actually occurs.)

Of all the pleasures of dorm life, there is one event that all dormies are bound to enjoy. Yes, the 2 a.m. fire drill. Webster Hall, just as any other building, has fire alarms scattered throughout. Occasionally someone gets the urge to commit a

federal offense and pull one. The result is a lot of fun—everyone goes outside and stands in front of the building in their robes, looking like hell, while the staff assistants search for a fire that doesn't exist.

I usually end up throwing my alarm clock against the wall before coming to the realization that the annoying, low-pitched sound is coming from the fire alarm. I've often thought it would be a lot of fun to stand in front of the blurry-eyed group and say "I guess you are all all wondering why I've called you here for this meeting."

I often put in long hours fulfilling *Chart* duties as well as keeping up with my classes. However, I'm always thankful that my job does not require my participation in the weekly Wednesday night ritual of staying up all night getting the newspaper out. I enjoy those Thursday mornings when I can look into the editors' blood-shot eyes and discuss what a good night's sleep I had. (I usually run hurriedly from *The Chart* office while obscenities and various objects are hurled at me.)

Anyone for No-Doz?

Students should become more active

BY SARA WOODS
STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

A man was passing through a town and was struck by the fact that none of the residents was wearing shoes. He went into the major hotel of the town and passerby after passerby—doctors, lawyers, factory workers, teachers—not one was wearing shoes.

The man stopped a very literate-looking fellow who was reading a newspaper and asked, "Sir, why is it that no one wears shoes in this town?" The newspaper reader paused, looked thoughtful, and replied, "Yes, yes, shoes certainly serve as a necessary protection from the rain and snow. Why don't we wear shoes?" Later, the visitor was touring the town and stopped to talk with some old gentlemen who were enjoying a game of chess. When the visitor noted that he was new in town, the older men mentioned several places of interest—one of which being the old brick building across the street—that the young man should visit. The young man was told that this was the town's great pride—the shoe factory. The visitor was dumbfounded. "Why," he asked, "do you make shoes when no one in this town wears them?" One of the old men replied, "They don't make shoes in the factory; they just meet and talk about making shoes. Hmmm, yes, but why don't they make shoes?"



IN PERSPECTIVE

It seems that we often know what seems right for us and talk a lot about what we ought to do about something; yet, we never really do anything about it. In putting this into a campus perspective, one might consider the lack of idealism and student activism on the Missouri Southern campus.

It is easy to shut ourselves off in our very safe little niche of middle America. It is easy to turn from the events of a far-away world, failing to see any direct effect. It is easy to ignore the lives of even those who surround us, burying ourselves in our own private, personal lives. Yet, as students, shouldn't we guide our energies into a more thinking, feeling mode? Thomas Wolfe wrote, "The essence of belief is doubt; the essence of reality is questioning. The essence of Time is Flow, not Fix. The essence of faith is the knowledge that all flows and that everything must change. The growing man is Man-Alive..." Students have, historically, been the harbingers of change, hopefully, of progress. I won't say that idealism, supported by student activism, doesn't exist on the Southern campus. There are many students who have worked very hard to improve life and education on campus. I will say that the idealism that exists should be developed and exhibited.

Groups on campus should be more involved with the issues that change our world. Where were the students when the Berlin Wall was crumbling to the ground? What were the students doing when a case from Missouri was challenging the Roe vs.

Wade decision? Which students were speaking about the importance of recycling and its role in protecting our plundered environment when the city of Joplin was undertaking a new recycling program? Admittedly, I didn't take an active role in support of or in opposition to any of these issues. I may have thought about and even discussed these issues, but I didn't really do anything. Part of the problem is that we fail to think "big." What can we do about the incredible changes in eastern Europe? Well, perhaps we can't always give direct, hands-on assistance, but we can offer our symbolic support. Groups such as Amnesty International write letters calling for the release of political prisoners in countries throughout the world. The students involved may not see the direct effect of one letter; however, when combined with the efforts of thousands of other individuals, those letters take on a larger value. There are a few students who do get involved; yet, the majority do not. If students want to raise their voices, they have a vehicle: *The Chart*. There are groups on campus that have been formed for the purpose of involving students in idealistic endeavors. A few years ago there was even a group called The Care Club, whose mission was to offer assistance to those in need. An immediate opportunity for involvement is offered through the Campus Activity Board-sponsored anti-apartheid lock-in on Friday, Feb. 16, in the Billingsly Student Center. Students at Missouri Southern have opportunities for involvement, and they can develop many more opportunities. I know that "man-alive" exists on this campus; let's see a little more of him.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Room 117 of Hearnes Hall by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Editor's column shouldn't criticize

I was disappointed with the story that mortally questioned the Bartlett Award. If the Bartlett family is gracious enough to offer monetary aid to help in the furtherance of one's education, why show ungratefulness through such criticism? They have every right to set any stipulation they so choose. This happens to be just one scholarship offered out of many. If an individual does not meet its requirements, he or she does not have to apply for it.

The least we can do is be thankful that there are such people in the community who are willing to help students reach their educa-

tional goals. Criticism of private contributions which benefit the student population of Missouri Southern could ultimately result in the loss of those funds to other "more appreciative" institutions. It seems we should be grateful that such a scholarship is being offered, because it's helping at least one more student to reach the goal for which all of us are here. That goal happens to be an education which will help in paving the way to a successful future.

Michelle Carnine

We should make King's day an academic holiday

Martin Luther King Jr. valiantly fought for equal rights during the civil rights movement of the '60s. He is unquestionably one of the greatest men of all time. Because of his work, a special day was dedicated to him—a holiday.

It is true, all holidays can not be celebrated with a day off. But the achievements of Dr. King overshadows a Columbus or even a George Washington.

Oxford American Dictionary defines holi-

day as follows: "...n.1. a day of festivity or recreation or commemoration of an event or person, when no work is done..." The celebration allowed at Southern is not befitting of King's greatness. Dr. King fought his entire life untwisting the twisted laws of the land. Let's not trivialize his memory by minimizing the remembrance; rather, let's enhance his memory by granting a holiday true to the definition.

Admittedly, the College President and *The Chart* staff eloquently present their arguments

on the issue. Nevertheless, to those who sympathize with my plea: "Don't believe the hype!"

Finally, as King often ended his speeches, "We ain't what we ought to be, and we ain't what we want to be, and we ain't what we're going to be, but thank God we ain't what we was!"

Kevin Hooks

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Ski area can't wait on nature

If you happen to find yourself driving north of Springfield, a stark contrast might meet your eyes.

Located between wooded areas and hills on Highway 13 is Snow Bluff, a ski area. The lack of snowfall in the area is not a concern at Snow Bluff, according to Becki Durbin, vice president of Snow Bluff.

"We still haven't gotten everyone educated to the fact that we have snow when it is 50 or 60 degrees," she said. "In fact, the conditions are better on those days because the snow is soft. It is not hard and icy."

"They can ski in shorts or shirt sleeves and no jackets."

Snow Bluff uses seven Highlander snow machines, which shoot a mixture of compressed high-pressure air and water 50 feet into the air. According to Durbin, the mixture forms snow after it drops through temperatures below freezing.

Temperatures below freezing are a requirement to make the snow, though some snow can be made at 38 degrees Fahrenheit, she said.

"Man-made snow does not melt as fast as natural snow," said Durbin.

Water is pumped out of Snow Bluff's reservoir to water stations at various areas on the ski slopes. Then, the Highlander snow machines are hooked up using commercial electricity.

Snow is made during the night and at various times throughout the day. "We can't always afford to wait until nighttime," Durbin said.

Snow Bluff uses equipment such as the Snowcat to rid the slopes of ice and smooth out the high areas created by skiers.

Skiing lessons, ski and boot rentals, day care, and a restaurant are some of the facilities offered at Snow Bluff.

Durbin says the recreation area provides five slopes for beginners, one slope for intermediate skiers, and one for excellent



Try, Try Again Skiers practice their technique on the beginner's slope at Snow Bluff, located north of Springfield. Snow Bluff also offers slopes for experts.

skiers. Snow Bluff's longest slope is one-third of a mile. Lights are provided for night skiing.

Snow Bluff began business in December 1988, after Durbin and her husband decided southwest Missouri needed a skiing area closer than St. Louis. They researched the demographics, traffic flow, and weather history of the area before settling on a location.

The area is 10 to 15 degrees colder on the average than Springfield, located 12 miles to the south, Durbin said.

Snow Bluff has 25 acres dedicated to skiing and offers other seasonal activities such as a putting area and go-karts.

Visitors come from all over the country, particularly from Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. "We have had people here from almost every state in the union, plus Ha-

wai," Durbin said.

According to Durbin, the only difference between skiing at Snow Bluff and Colorado is the amount of chairs it takes to get to the top of the "mountain."

"As far as the slopes being any different, they aren't," she said.

Snow Bluff is open seven days a week, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri-

day through Sunday.

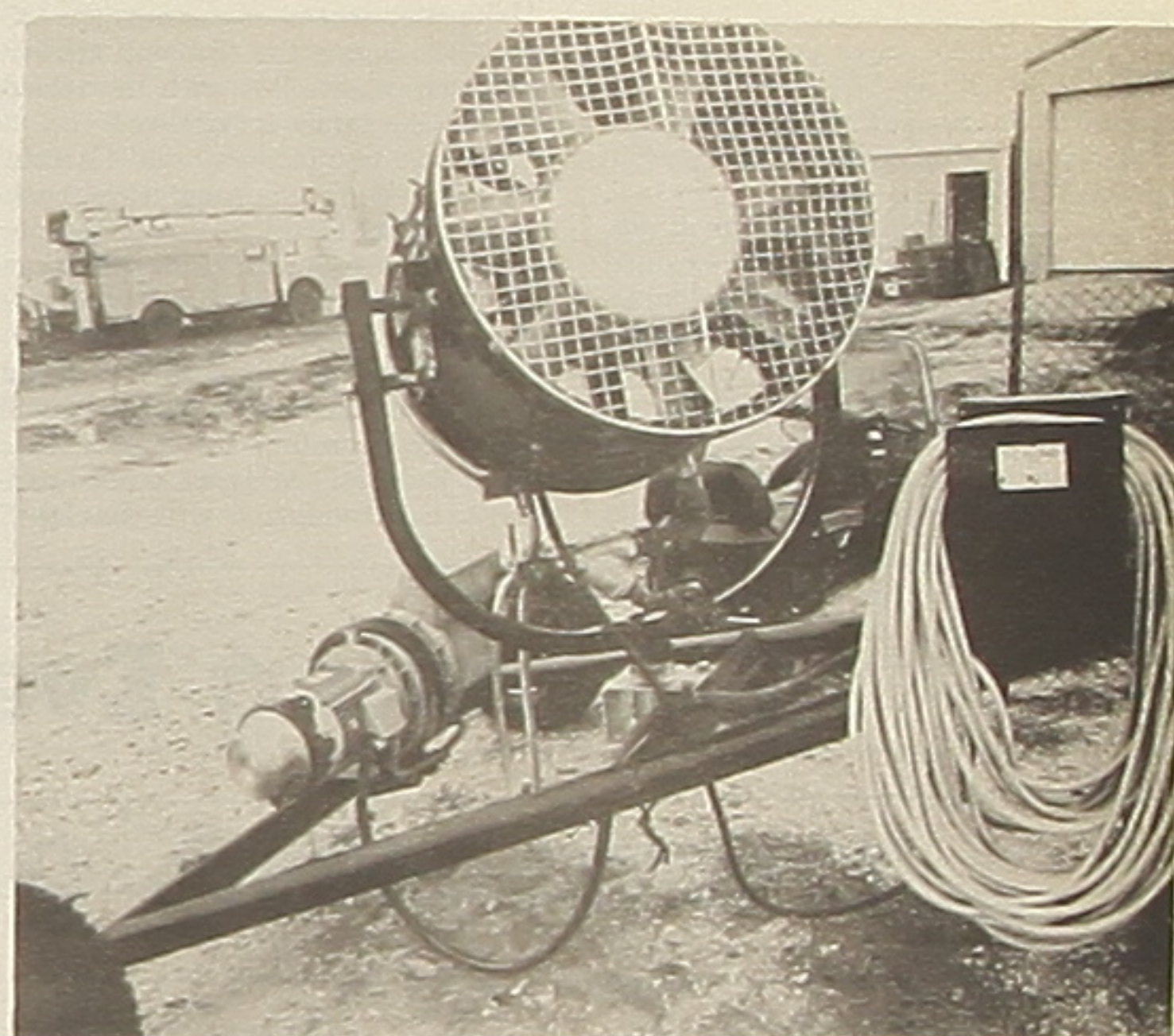
Fees for an adult's lift and rope tow tickets are \$17 on weekends and holidays and \$15 during weekdays. Children 12 and under when skiing with a paying adult may purchase lift and rope tow tickets for \$10 on weekends and holidays. During the week they may ski at no charge.




(Above right) One of the state-of-the-art Highlander snow machines. According to Snow Bluff officials, the machines shoot a mixture of compressed high-pressure air and water 50 feet into the air, resulting in snow, when Mother Nature fails to provide the real thing. (Above left) Snow Bluff's only ski lift leads skiers to their desired slopes. The ski area accommodates all kinds of skiers, from beginners to experts. (Above) Although located in a rural area, Snow Bluff looks out of place among neighboring fields.

STORY BY CARINE PETERSON

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Feb 15-20	4	Winter Park	\$263	Suite-Quad
Feb 15-20	4	Steamboat	\$303	Hotel-Quad
Feb 15-20	3	Keystone/Copper	\$237	Hotel-Quad
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Lions' Den hosts club

Transientz' progressive music gets mixed feelings

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

A dance club, Transientz, has opened in the Lions' Den after much planning and speculation.

The club was given a two-weekend trial period to determine if it would be popular on campus.

Many of the original ideas for the club have been used. The Lions' Den, chosen as the location, is decorated on the nights the club is open to help generate a "club atmosphere." Admission is free for Missouri Southern students with a current ID. Guests of students must pay a \$1 fee.

"One of the things we found out was that most students drove to Kansas to meet people from Pittsburg State," said Val Carlisle, student activities coordinator.

To allow Southern students more contact with students from PSU, Carlisle contacted the director of student activities at PSU and arranged for PSU IDs to be accepted for free admission to Transientz.

Though the original intent of the club was to play progressive dance music, the overall reception to the programming has been mixed.

"The first night was a crowd of the curious," said Carlisle. "They thought they

According to Carlisle, these goals were to persuade people from driving long distances and coming back intoxicated, and to introduce progressive music, "the kind of music you hear in after-hours clubs," to people on campus.

Another goal was to give students a place they could rely on going to on Friday and Saturday nights.

So far, attendance has been "acceptable." The club drew 50 to 70 people last Wednesday, 75 to 80 on Thursday, and approximately 125 on Friday.

"We did hear that some people came and listened at the door Friday night, and when they heard the progressive music they left," Carlisle said. "It's an acquired taste, and we can't just expect people to accept it."

On Friday night, to help increase attendance and to make more students happy with the club, the disc jockeys played student requests if they brought their own music. Carlisle said this was popular as many students appreciated dancing to the music they wanted.

"We want this to be as close to being a club as we can get it," she said.

According to Carlisle, the music system was somewhat pieced together last week. A tape deck, turntable, and compact disc

"We can keep playing progressive music and accept failure if they don't like it, or we can turn it into popular top 40. We're going to decide if we play progressive/house-dance music, or if we attract people."

—Val Carlisle, student activities coordinator

would get popular top 40, and when they didn't they got discouraged."

The Campus Activities Board has received varying opinions. Many students did enjoy the music and encouraged the playing of progressive dance. However, some students expressed a lack of desire to dance to anything they had not heard before.

"I know that I dance to music that I know," said Carlisle. "Even if I know the person or the group, I won't dance unless I know the song. Maybe that was the problem."

The music played is a mixture of progressive dance, house, black, hip-hop, and some top 40. The most popular music, according to Rob Williams, a disc jockey for Transientz, is hip-hop.

"We are going to have to prioritize," said Carlisle. "Gina Miller came to us (CAB) with a list of goals she wanted to achieve with the club."

player were borrowed from students eager to help the club succeed. The speakers used were meant for lecture use, not music, and the pre-amp did not work with the tape deck.

For tonight, tomorrow, and Saturday, CAB has rented a professional sound system to help improve student reception.

If the attendance remains near the 125 level, Carlisle said the club will achieve permanent status. But with the mixed reaction, the future is "unclear."

"We have two choices," said Carlisle. "We can keep playing progressive music and accept failure if they don't like it, or we can turn it into popular top 40. We're going to decide if we play progressive/house-dance music, or if we attract people. The top 40 goes against the original goals, but we have to ask, 'How long will students keep coming?' Just like the clubs have to compete with each other, we're going to have to compete with the clubs."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Dance, dance! Paul Adair, Julie Fannon, and Shane Clark danced at Transientz in the Lions' Den Friday night.

Department gets new guidelines

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

New guidelines set forth by the education department might make becoming a teacher more difficult.

Currently, a student may enter the junior block of courses with a 2.3 grade-point average. By the time he or she exits the junior block, the student must have a 2.5 GPA, an ACT score of 18, and pass the C-Base test, a test measuring general education skills.

The new requirements will require students to have an ACT score of 20 (on the revised scale), pass the C-Base test, a GPA of 2.5 in the core curriculum, and a 2.5 GPA in their major courses.

"If all the education committees approve this, it will be in place by the spring of 1991," said Dr. Ed Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology. "All students who are coming in to teacher education must meet all these requirements before they are ever admitted to the block."

Merryman does not foresee a large decrease in enrollment as a result of the new requirements.

"The estimate now is that we will probably lose around 12 to 15 students from our group," he said. "But the 12 or 15 students that we are losing now, we were working with for hours, getting them to re-take classes to boost their GPA when they really shouldn't have been qualified in the first place."

Under the Excellence in Education Act, the department must provide an exit examination for its students.

"One test has to be paper/pencil, one can be a scheduled interview, or the student can submit a portfolio of their work," said Merryman.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will use the teaching specialty part of the National Teachers Exam (NTE) for the exit examination.

The department will require several items in addition to this in the future. "We are going to require our students

to pass a minimal competencies test, and there will be about 57 competencies a student will have to pass before he is graduated from our program," said Merryman. "We are also requiring a portfolio of the student's work while he was in teacher education. All of this will be in place by the fall of 1991."

Two more education committees are left to approve the change in GPA requirements. The exit requirements fall under state law.

"As for the NTE, we have no say over that," Merryman said. "It's going to be put in place, and we're going to have to do it. And whether it's in the [College] catalog or not, the students will have to do it. The portfolios and competency test is a Southern requirement."

"When we are done with all of this we have really satisfied all the requirements that are set forth in the Excellence in Education Act, and the DESE. We will also have met all of our accreditation requirements by both the state and the national groups."

Upcoming Events

Today Feb. 8	Earth Day Meeting 7 p.m. Room 314 BSC	Bag-A-Career Sentry Insurance 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Room 306 BSC	CAB 'We Can Make You Laugh' 7 p.m. Second floor lounge BSC	Financial Aid Workshop 7 p.m. Third floor BSC
Tomorrow Feb. 9	Track Meet at CMSU Classic TBA	Free Coffee Sponsored by Social Sciences club 8 a.m.-Noon Room 111 Mansion		Transientz Dance & Party 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lions' Den
Weekend Feb. 10-11	Lecture Shirley Le Fleur 3 p.m. Community Service Center 110 Main	Lady Lions Basketball at NMSU 5:30 p.m.	Lions Basketball at NMSU 7:30 p.m.	Transientz Dance & Party 9 p.m.-1 p.m. Lions' Den
Monday Feb. 12	Career Workshop Tools of the job hunt Noon-12:50 p.m. Room 306 BSC	Academic Policies Meeting 3 p.m. Room 306 BSC	Lady Lions Basketball at Washburn University 7:30 p.m.	CAB Movie 'Elvira: Mistress of the Dark' 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre
Tuesday Feb. 13	Student Nurses Bake Sale 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lions' Den	Career Planning Department of Natural Resources 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Third floor Reynolds Hall	Career Planning Dillard's Data Processing 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Room 310 BSC	
Wednesday Feb. 14	Interviews Sebastian Equipment Sign up Room 207 BSC	Lady Lions Basketball vs. UM-Rolla 5:30 p.m.	Lions Basketball vs. UM-Rolla 7:30 p.m.	Valentine's Dance 9 p.m.-Midnight Lions' Den

Group helps Junior ROTCs

Pershing Rifles sponsors Rapell-a-thon for public

ROTC's social organization, the Pershing Rifles, will sponsor a "Rapella-thon" to raise money to help the Ozark Conference Junior ROTC's meet to be held March 3 at the John Q. Hammons Trade Center in Joplin.

According to Major James Dunn, head of the military science department at Missouri Southern, the Ozark Conference Junior ROTC, in southwest Missouri, includes Neosho, Joplin, Webb City, and Nevada.

The program has Air Force and Army Junior ROTCs at those four schools, and it annually sponsors a drill meet the first week of March.

This year, however, the cost of holding the meet at Hammons Trade Center increased \$150, leaving the area schools in need of assistance.

"They called us to see if we were interested in helping sponsor the program,"

said Dunn. "We indicated we would be."

To help the area Junior ROTC programs, the Pershing Rifles will hold a rappelling clinic from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28.

"Basically, any students or faculty interested in learning to rappel can come over here to the military science department," said Dunn. "We'll be at our rappel tower out back."

With all proceeds going to the Junior ROTC, the Pershing Rifles are hoping for a good turnout.

"It will be kind of like a car wash. We'll charge people \$1 to learn how to rappel. We'll teach them how to tie the knots and give them the opportunity to rappel four times off the tower if they so desire," said Dunn.

The Pershing Rifle cadets will assist during the actual rappelling.



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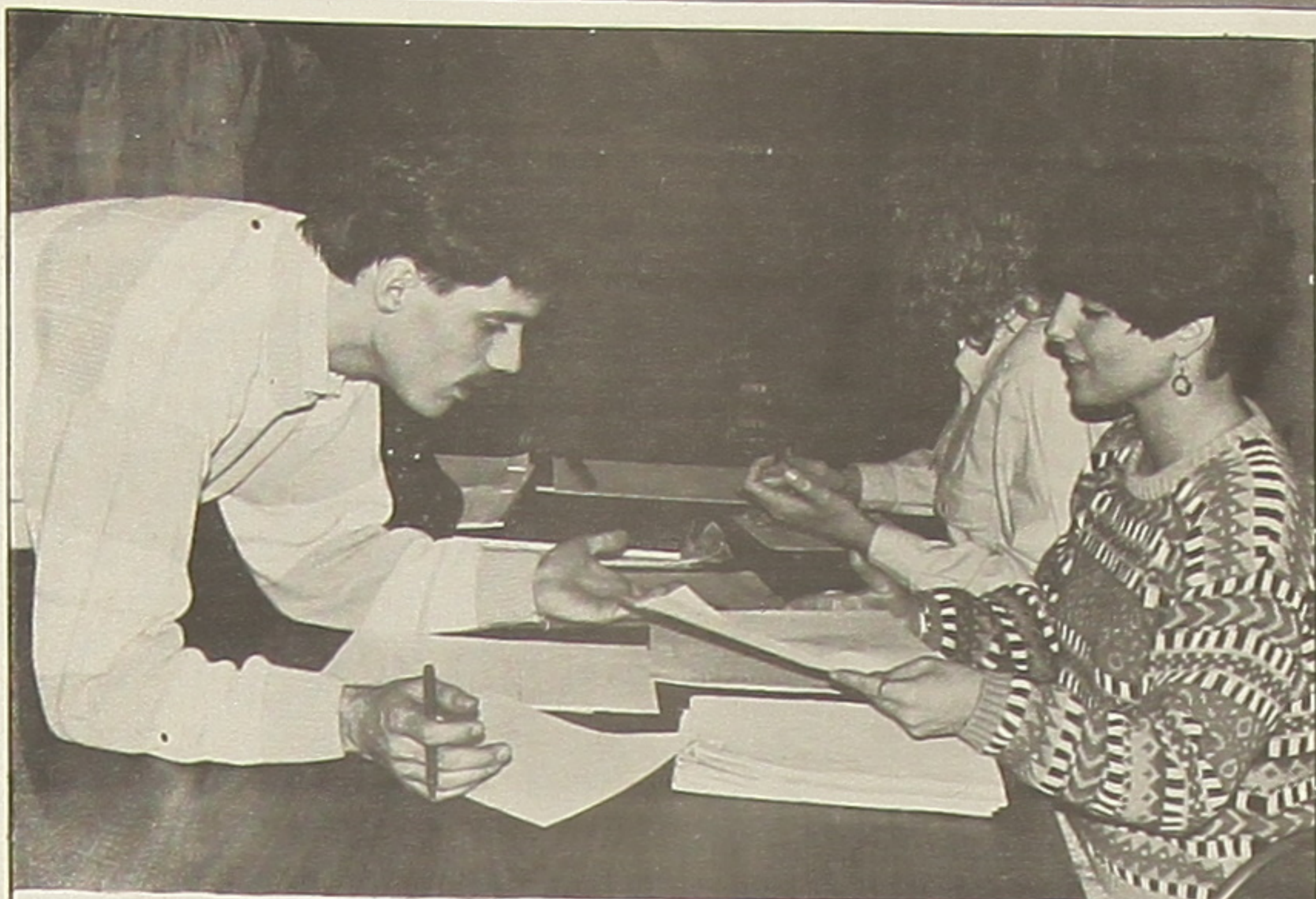
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Who's up next?

Debater Julie Pasmore helps teammate Michael Prater schedule events for the Ozark Classic Swing Tournament co-hosted by Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State University last weekend.

STAFF PHOTO BY HEATHER ALLEN

Southern, PSU host Ozark debate tourney

Officials ditch trophies for charitable cause

BY HEATHER ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's debate team is in the "swing" of things. Last weekend Southern and Pittsburg State University co-hosted the Ozark Classic Swing Tournament. The swing tournament is unlike any other tournament because two tournaments take place the same weekend.

At PSU, instead of giving out trophies as tournament hosts usually do, the top three finalists were presented framed certificates.

"The reason they didn't spend the extra money for trophies," said Julie Pasmore, a debater for Southern, "was due to the fact that they decided to make a donation to the American Heart Association in the names of the winners."

Southern's Steve Doubledde advanced to finals at PSU in both impromptu and after-dinner speaking. Rachel Rinehart and Paul Hood advanced to finals in extemporaneous speaking, and Rinehart also placed in impromptu speaking.

Reader's theatre was an extra event at PSU in which Southern placed first. Pasmore, Rinehart, Diane Hampton, Chris Morris, and Alicia Ward all competed. *The Better Battle Book* by Dr. Seuss was chosen for Southern in this event.

"By using the Dr. Seuss script, I realized that his books are not merely written for children, but for adults as well," said Pasmore. "Dr. Seuss takes the complexities of the arms race and simplifies it for children, thus making it easier for them

to understand the problems of the world." Reader's theatre is popular with Southern debaters because of the camaraderie involved.

"It allowed me to work with many people and gave us the opportunity to compile all of our talents and work toward the finished product together," said Pasmore.

When Southern hosted the swing tournament on Saturday and Sunday, the team realized just how important it is to demonstrate good administration.

"You have to have someone to delegate authority and keep a calm, cool collected head," said Ward.

Michael Prater said there is always too much work to do and never enough time to do it when hosting a tournament.

"We usually don't get our entries in until the week of the tournament, and because we have a lot of rounds to schedule, this takes time. There are many variables involved," said Prater.

Such variables include making sure contestants do not compete against others from their own school and that debate coaches do not judge their own students. It also is necessary to ensure that contestants scheduled in more than one event aren't scheduled to compete at the same time and that there are enough trophies and qualified judges.

This weekend, the Southern debate team will stay at home to help judge debaters from Joplin High School and Webb City High School.

Dave Delaney, debate coach, said, "We do this as a public service to Southern and to help the neighboring high schools."

Pro Musica gets good response

Campus Activities Board says Warsaw Philharmonic will play to full house

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

Pro Musica's attempt to bring an appreciation of classical music to Joplin has received a substantial response.

The Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, scheduled to appear at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium, will perform to a full house. According to Jason Spurlin, box office manager for the Campus Activities Board, all of the 2,046 seats in the auditorium have been spoken for.

"The sales have really picked up since Christmas break," said Spurlin. "During these past couple of weeks we have taken an average of 50 calls per day."

He said the \$8 tickets were the first to sell out. By this week, the patron seats, at \$50 each, also were filled.

"There are a lot of disappointed people," said Spurlin. "We probably could have sold another 500 tickets."

Spurlin said a ticket waiting list contains more than 20 names.

Cynthia Schwab, president of Pro Musica, was pleased that the symphony attracted such a favorable response.

"I am absolutely thrilled," she said. "I am a classical music addict. It is nice to know that there are so many other people in the area who share my love for the symphony."

During the early stages of planning, Schwab said she never really expected the

performance to sell out.

"I hoped," she said, "but I tried not to expect."

Due to the interest illustrated by the sell out, Schwab said there is every reason to believe there will be a similar concert next year.

patron seats will go toward next year's concert.

Schwab said she expects the orchestra to arrive the afternoon of the concert. Members will then take time to prepare and rehearse for the performance.

Under the direction of Kazimierz Kord,

"I am absolutely thrilled. I am a classical music addict. It is nice to know that there are so many other people in the area who share my love for the symphony."

—Cynthia Schwab, president of Pro Musica

While she would like to be able to accommodate more people, Schwab said she never would put a symphony in Joplin Memorial Hall because of a lack of acoustics and insufficient atmosphere.

"It is not a symphony hall," she said. "I like Taylor Auditorium."

In order to avoid confusion on the evening of the concert, ticket holders are asked to pick up their tickets head of time at the box office in the Billings Student Center.

The Valentine's buffet, for those with patron tickets, will begin at 6 p.m. in the Spiva Art Center. The funds from the 224

the orchestra will perform Scherzo Tarentella by Karol Szymanowski and, following intermission, Symphony No. 4 in E Minor by Johannes Bach. Zoltan Kocsis, featured pianist, will perform Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor.

Sponsors for the event include Commerce Bank, The Empire District Electric Co., and Frank Evans Distributing.

Schwab said she is grateful to not only the sponsors, but also the College for helping to make the performance possible.

BY KRISTA UMPHENOUR
STAFF WRITER

Majoring in music involves more than what meets the eye.

According to Charlotte Herren, a freshman music major, it is more than just playing an instrument.

"We're expected to do more than just be students," she said. "This year, some of our activities include helping with the Phon-A-Thon and with [high school] all-district band tryouts."

According to Herren, one common myth many people have about majoring in music is that it is easy.

"People think that because you're carrying 20 or 21 hours and they are all music classes that it is easy," she said, "but music is really hard."

She believes music majors need to be well-rounded.

"If you're going to teach band, you must know how to play all the instruments," said Herren, who is majoring in secondary music education. "It is important to know how to play the piano."

Although she enjoys playing the piano and learning to play the baritone saxophone, string instruments, the trumpet, and the trombone, Herren's favorite instrument remains the French horn.

"I like the French horn because it always has a part that stands out," she said. "It sounds soft and powerful, but still in control. It appeals to the inner senses as well as the outer senses."

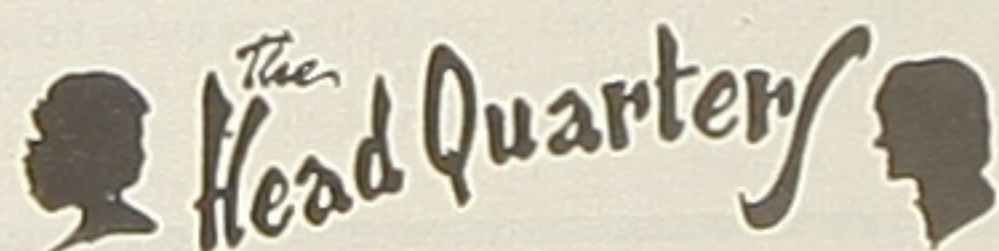
As one of only three French horn players at Southern this semester, Herren's participation in the marching, concert, pep, and jazz bands requires much practice.

"I practice piano one hour a day and French horn three hours every day."

"You have to listen to the piece you're playing and to the others to feel your own part. If you just play the notes, you'll have nothing. That's why it's called music, not mechanism."

Herren praised band directors Pete Havelly and Robert Meeks for their dedication to their students.

"A good band director spends time with you," she said. "A great band director enjoys the time he spends with you."



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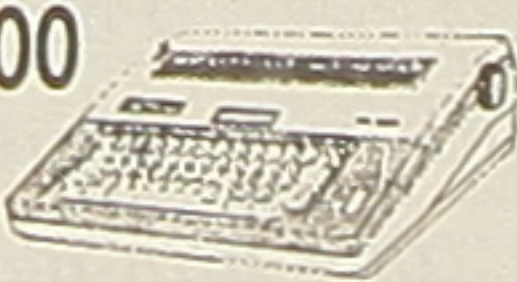
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Trash collectors try to fill void in Joplin

Garbage pick-up by city ended Saturday

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With city collection of garbage having ended Feb. 3 and 6,000 Joplin households yet to contract anyone to collect their garbage, a number of trash collectors have moved their operations' thrust to the city.

"I think most of them have been in business for a while," said John Lewis, Joplin's director of recycling. "They're doing more advertising now, and therefore are more visible. Possibly some of them are new to the Joplin area."

The city quit collecting garbage last Saturday because Joplin voters rejected a trash collection tax and fee package in November 1989. The package would have continued twice-weekly city pickup, with revenues being derived from an \$11 per month fee and increased property taxes.

"Very simply put, the tax revenue we were receiving were less than 10 percent of the cost of the service," said Harold McCoy, director of public works for the city of Joplin. "We couldn't really afford to finance the service along with the other services we provide."

Private collectors in the area average between \$4 to \$5 for senior citizens and from \$5 to \$6 for other residents.

Trashmaster, which has operated in the Joplin area primarily as a commercial hauler for 13 years, offers its services for \$5 per month for households which have two or fewer people and \$6 if the household has three or more. According to owner Gary Garvin, there is no limit on the number of bags the firm will pick up or the type of refuse collected.

"Whatever one person can haul to the alley, we'll pick up at no extra charge," he said. "If they have a large item, such as a divan, an engine block, or a big TV, and it looks like it would take two or more to lift it, the charge would be \$5."

Additionally, Trashmaster will pick up bags of lawn clippings or leaves, as well as brush. Garvin said the company has

eight trucks operating in Joplin, with all trucks being radio dispatched. Collection payments are made bi-annually.

Larry Smith Trash Service of Webb City provides weekly pickup for its clients and has been in business for 10 years.

"Our customers can use their own bags or cans," said Cheryl Smith, who with her husband owns the firm. "We'll haul off anything they stick out there. We'll even get rid of their old Christmas trees."

One collection company is making a move from Carthage to Joplin because of business opportunities. Sunray Services offers curbside collection, with a "tag and bag" system which Jay Bond, owner of the firm, believes makes it unique.

"The tag system is merely a tag the customer puts on his trash so we can identify them as our customer," said Bond. "Our bag system is geared toward the senior citizen, because seniors don't have a lot of trash and wouldn't use but maybe three bags a month. The bags have our logo on them and sell for \$1.25 each."

Bond said the bag system also could be beneficial to the recycling effort, as people would recycle more items to decrease their garbage volume. Therefore this would reduce the cost of their trash collection.

Sunray Services, in operation in the area for eight years, plans to begin an in-house recycling program by July 1.

Finally, Deffenbaugh Trash Service offers its customers a \$4 monthly group and senior citizen rate, a \$5 per month household rate, and features an optional "poly-cart" for an additional \$2.50 each month.

"The poly-cart is a handy item," said Joe Taylor, Joplin branch manager. "It's attractive, animal-proof, and helps keep control of trash."

Deffenbaugh has been in the residential and commercial refuse collection business for 30 years in the Kansas City metropolitan area, with 200 trucks serving that area. According to Taylor, the firm also services 73,000 homes in Oklahoma City and has four trucks operating in Joplin.



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

In control Berry New, a section operator for Farmers Chemical, works with a control panel at the plant.

Chamber honors Farmers Chemical

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

A producer of chemicals for the agriculture industry, Farmers Chemical Company has been named Industry of the Month for February by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it is very neat," said Jim Newton, Farmers Chemical's plant manager. "There are two immediate effects that

come from this. The first is that it is a great morale boost for the employees, and secondly it is great to be recognized by the community."

Newton said his employees not only appreciate being recognized, but also in being accepted as part of the community.

"I see the employees after they have watched the [KSNE-TV] commercial, and you can tell there is pride on their faces for being honored by the community."

Farmers Chemical, located two miles west of Joplin on the Missouri-Kansas line, has changed extensively since the plant was built in 1953.

"The plant used to be a tiny place owned by the MFA," said Newton. "But during the latter 50s and throughout the 60s additions and extensions were added, and Farmland Industries began to eat away the land previously owned by the MFA until they were the sole owners."

Farmland Industries, owners since 1970, is the largest regional agricultural cooperative in the United States. It is divided into three distinct fields.

"The first area is slated under agriculture," said Newton. "They have facilities that specialize in producing several kinds of ham, pork, wieners, and luncheon meats."

"The second area is animal feed. Farmland produces feed for cows, swine, poultry, cats, dogs, catfish foods, and even strange things such as food for ostriches, which I didn't even know existed out on the market."

"Finally, there is petroleum, which is what Farmers Chemical falls under. They have refineries in Coffeyville and Phillipsburg, Kan., six or seven ammonia plants around the country, a phosphate plant in Florida, and other similar plants. They are pretty diversified in the field of agriculture."

Farmers Chemical, with 75 employees, makes two basic products that are shipped throughout the Midwest.

"Calcium phosphate is one of the products we make, and this product is sold to the people who feed cattle and thus is used as a supplement in the animals' diet," Newton said. "The second product is the ammonia phosphate fertilizer, which we market mostly to customers in Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska, as well as Missouri."

Though most of its products end up in the four-state area, some of the fertilizer and calcium phosphate products reach as far west as California or as far north as Canada. Last summer the company had its first export order, to Honduras.

"I just hope the materials we sent down there were used for something good and not for something bad," said Newton.

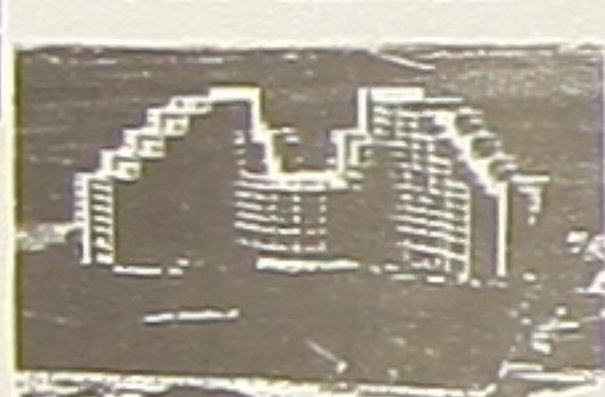
Farmers Chemical, while gaining in size, shipping, and popularity, has an even brighter future, according to Newton.

"This is a very good industry to be a part of because we are helping to feed the world, and that is the most important thing of all."

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Group focuses on well-being of children

Missouri recognizes annual Child Advocacy Day

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

To help further the cause for necessary legislation concerning issues affecting children and their families, the eighth annual Child Advocacy Day was held last week at the State Capitol.

An outgrowth of former Missouri Gov. Kit Bond's Child Welfare Task Force, the Missouri Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families was created to form a statewide network of citizens and community organizations to help improve the coordination and communication among those concerned with the well-being of Missouri's children.

Child Advocacy Day, a one-day conference held each year on the last Tuesday in January, provides an opportunity for advocates in the state to become better informed and to meet with legislators concerning children's issues.

"Our primary objective is to achieve

communication and coordination among those people interested and concerned with the well-being of children in the State," said Greg Echele, chairman of the Missouri Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families. "We lobby in the offices of the representatives and the senators and basically communicate with the state leadership in the form of presentations and speeches by the Governor or someone in the executive branch of the government."

"For the conference this year we were fortunate to add to it a national perspective by having Sen. Bond give his views on the priorities for children in the new decade."

Bond (R-Missouri) addressed the audience concerning news from Washington, D.C. about the Congressional Priorities for Children in the 1990s.

"The focus of our organization is to help people get involved with the legislation about certain children's issues," said Echele. "As an organization we try to stay

non-partisan as much as we can. We don't take a pro or con choice on certain matters. We want to get people involved with these pending bills."

However, during the Jan. 31 conference the Alliance publicly supported House Bill 1571, which creates \$1.35 million in new revenue for the Children's Trust Fund to be used for child abuse prevention in the state.

Echele said the supporting of HB 1571 was a rarity, but the Alliance supported it "for its broad general application" which would benefit the entire state.

Other pending bills facing the General Assembly include Senate Bill 500, which establishes a preference for awarding custody of a child to a relative in cases where custody is not granted to a parent; and Senate Bill 566, which establishes a procedure for hearings on modification of joint custody of children.

"Each member of the organization is a lobbyist for himself," said Echele. "By that I mean that since the organization does not take a stance one way or another on an issue or bill, each person lobbies for

whichever legislation he or she supports.

"For instance I support SB 500 and lobby for it, while there are other people who don't support it and don't have anything to do with it or lobby against it."

After Bond's speech, seven different workshops each were offered twice. The workshops covered such topics as child welfare, day care, education, juvenile justice, a course on how to lobby, and an introduction to lobbying for college students.

Rounding out the day was a speech by James L. Mathewson (D-Sedalia), president pro-tem of the Missouri Senate, regarding the priorities of the Missouri General Assembly in service to children.

"The people attending Child Advocacy Day and the workshops were mainly sponsors of the event who had made financial contributions or had offered their time or support," he said. "We have a very broad-based group of folks that include law enforcement people, elementary and kindergarten teachers, and undergraduate students."

Capitol Briefs

Blunt predicts top scams for the '90s

► The so-called "affinity fraud," in which con artists prey on members of the same group or people they associate with, has been placed atop Secretary of State Roy Blunt's list of the top five securities scams of the 1990s.

"Affinity fraud occurs when the victims are recruited through a group they belong to," said Blunt. "The 'pool' of victims, or the common link among the victims, might also be that they are often older Missourians."

Blunt advises the best way to protect oneself from affinity fraud is to be on the lookout for new members of your group who come to you with opportunities to get rich quick. He said the Southwest Latex and Brock cases in southwest Missouri are two of the more illustrated affinity fraud cases in recent years.

Rounding out Blunt's list are: fraudulent oil and gas leases, "blind pool" or "blank check" penny stocks, bank-financed precious metals, and overseas boiler scams.

Lottery officials: 'Everybody wins'

► From Jan. 27 through Feb. 17, players are a guaranteed winner if they play either "Pay Day" or "Super High Card" Missouri Lottery instant games.

If the player buys five consecutive tickets from either game and does not win cash on any ticket, the player then gets three tickets free. However, Lottery officials insist that the five tickets must be consecutive, attached tickets and must be returned to the retailer where they were purchased.

"In this promotion, everybody wins," said Adam Hall, Lottery marketing director. "That's why we're calling it 'Either You Win or You Win.' Since we're starting our fifth year and we feel our games have improved substantially, we decided to prove it to our players."

According to Hall, this promotion gives players a chance to try the games "risk free."



U.S. Sen. Kit Bond (R-Missouri) speaks during Child Advocacy Day at the State Capitol.

Largest Wal-Mart ready soon

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

The largest Wal-Mart Supercenter in the United States soon will open in Jefferson City.

Company officials had planned to have the combined grocery and discount store open for business by last Thanksgiving, but just before construction was to begin the project was redesigned and an additional 25,000 square feet was added. The expansion has forced delay of the opening until this spring.

Located at the southwest corner of Missouri Boulevard and Stadium West Boulevard, the 210,540-square-foot Supercenter is near completion. Near the east entrance, Wal-Mart opened a convenience store and gasoline station, called Super USA Convenience Store, on Jan. 27.

The redesigned and expanded Supercenter will include the full line of Wal-Mart discount products and feature a grocery store and auto-service center. The grocery store scheme only has been used in a few other cities by the company.

Wal-Mart officials say the Supercenter concept is to provide a one-stop service for shoppers. After making their selections in the Wal-Mart store, the shoppers will then use the same cart to stroll through a stocked grocery store on the way out. One check-out area will provide service to both the discount store and the grocery store.

According to David Glass, Wal-Mart president and chief executive officer, the Supercenter will not run small retail stores in Jefferson City out of business.

"The truth of the matter is that in most of the small communities where we have placed our stores, retail sales in the aggregate, excluding our sales, actually have gone up," Glass said.

Glass envisions the Wal-Mart Supercenter to attract more people to Jefferson City, which would strengthen the city's economy and would allow more businesses to attract more shopping dollars.



(Above) Construction on the nation's largest Wal-Mart Supercenter is now underway at the southwest corner of Missouri Boulevard and Stadium West Boulevard in Jefferson City. The 210,540-square-foot complex will include the complete line of Wal-Mart discount products and will feature a grocery store and auto service center. The Supercenter is targeted to open this spring.

(Right) The company has also opened a convenience store and gasoline station which is located near the east entrance of the Supercenter.

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Jimmy L. Sexton



SMSU, Springfield seek stadium bill financing

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A bid by the city of Springfield and Southwest Missouri State University for partial state financing on two stadium projects is garnering much attention from state legislators.

Springfield and SMSU have developed a plan to ask the state for \$1.1 million under the stadium financing bill which was passed last year. However, there is much discrepancy because the bill was designed for cities and counties of the first class and says nothing about colleges and universities. However, if Springfield is the principle of this issue, the financing bill may apply because Greene County, in which Springfield is located, is one of the first-class counties in the state.

"The bill was, in concept, designed to be the economic development tool for one area in the state, and was later expanded to all of the first-class counties," said Rep. Joe McCracken (D-Springfield). "They were trying to get enough votes for St. Louis to allow them the opportunity to use this as bait to get back an NFL team."

According to McCracken, the bill is "totally silent" and lists only the city and/or county as recipients.

"I think even from the Attorney General's opinion it is locked," he said. "Un-

til I get a response from the university, I'm not going to do anything."

On Feb. 1, McCracken sent Dr. Marshall Gordon, president of SMSU, a letter requesting clarification concerning the proposed stadium projects. He specifically asked for a cover letter to the "Stadium Projects Package" that was presented to Greene County legislators last month and asked if the request should be accompanied by a board of regents authorization.

The two stadium proposals call for construction of a 13,000-seat SMSU civic center/arena costing about \$17.9 million, and a minor league baseball stadium costing up to \$10 million. Originally a three-part proposal, plans for the expansion of the university's Briggs Stadium to 26,885 seats were scrapped out of fear that SMSU would be looked upon "as trying to get capital funding through the back door."

At 96,700 square feet, the new civic center/arena would be used as a multi-purpose facility for SMSU and high school basketball games, concerts, conventions, and expositions. It would be built on university property just north of SMSU's Hammons Student Center.

Tracy Kimberlin, executive director of the Springfield convention and visitors' bureau, said even though the proposal has received mixed reviews from the legislature, he is confident the plans will go

through and funding will be awarded.

"The bill doesn't refer to universities one way or another," said Kimberlin. "We really don't see any reason why we would be denied the funding."

According to Kimberlin, some Springfieldians support the proposal and some do not, depending on whom you ask.

"I certainly don't think the proposal will hurt anybody," he said. "The civic center will bring a great deal of economic impact to the community."

At a meeting called Sunday afternoon by chamber of commerce leaders, Springfield lawmakers told community leaders the minor league baseball stadium should be the top priority in the city's bid to receive stadium bill financing. The legislators also suggested the city council should lead the way, not SMSU, in asking the General Assembly for money.

Legislators also said Springfield's plan for its local share of the financing of the baseball stadium should be delivered to the legislature because time is running out in the appropriations process.

According to Kimberlin, the city is considering asking the state for full funding for the baseball stadium and only planning money for the civic center. The city council is expected to debate that alternative tomorrow and Monday.

Although SMSU's board of regents has

yet to officially act on the proposals, Ed Pinegar, president of the board, said he will ask the regents to decide what role they want the university to play in the proposal. Pinegar is open to the suggestion that the civic center/arena should take a back seat to the baseball stadium.

According to Rep. Doug Harpool (D-Springfield) it is OK to include the civic center/arena in the package, but it should not be the university's project. He said lawmakers who look after other state universities get upset because SMSU is a leading petitioner for stadium money and they think the university is trying to circumvent the normal capital improvements process.

Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, said he would vote in favor of providing Springfield with the stadium money.

"Since Kansas City and St. Louis may receive their funding, there's no reason Springfield or any other first-class county shouldn't get theirs because they're next in line, in my opinion," said Wilson, who voted against the stadium financing bill last year. "The best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it, and I would vote for it today if it was before the legislature."

Nonetheless, he said Springfield must have a concise and clean proposal in order to be effective in the General Assembly.

Auto theft rises 15 percent in state

► According to statistics recently released by the Missouri Highway Patrol, there were 22,693 vehicles reported stolen in the state during 1989, representing a 15 percent increase.

"Auto theft continues to be a big business in the state, and Missouri motorists are paying for it," said Calvin Call, executive director of the Missouri Insurance Information Service. "Estimating the value of stolen vehicles at an average of \$5,117 per loss, auto theft cost Missouri more than \$116 million last year. More and more people are being ripped off and some aren't doing anything about it."

Reports from Kansas City and St. Louis indicate that those two cities are the primary targets for theft. Call said the K.C. Police Department reported 9,074 auto thefts during 1989, while the St. Louis Police Department reported 8,932 auto thefts last year, both amounts representing a 20 percent increase over the previous year.

Student assistant overcomes cancer

Clinton wants to tell others how he 'won'

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

Calling his experience "a chance to help someone who wants to quit everything," Michael Clinton has proven that one can fight cancer and live. "My experience taught me to appreciate life," said Clinton, a student assistant for the men's basketball team. "You just don't know how valuable life is until it is almost taken away."

After beginning college at Southern in 1967, Clinton said he anticipated finishing in four years with a degree in secondary physical education.

"After my third year I found out that I was going to be a father soon, so I decided to quit school and get a job," he said.

During his time away from Southern, Clinton, now 42, worked as a pharmaceutical salesman and sang in a professional quartet, "The Silvercreek Boys." He said although he was not pursuing a career in coaching, he always believed he was drawn to working with young men.

"The sport has always been in my blood," said Clinton, who directed the basketball program at the Joplin YMCA for two years and established a program for elementary school children in Carl Junction.

But after months of feeling "worn out," he visited a doctor in 1977.

"I always felt tired, so I went to find out what was wrong," Clinton said. "I found out during a normal physical that I had cancer. At first I just thought, 'I can't believe this is happening to me.'"

He was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a type of cancer found in the male reproductive organs. He said doctors told him he was only the 75th case in the nation to be diagnosed and his chances for recovery were slim to none.

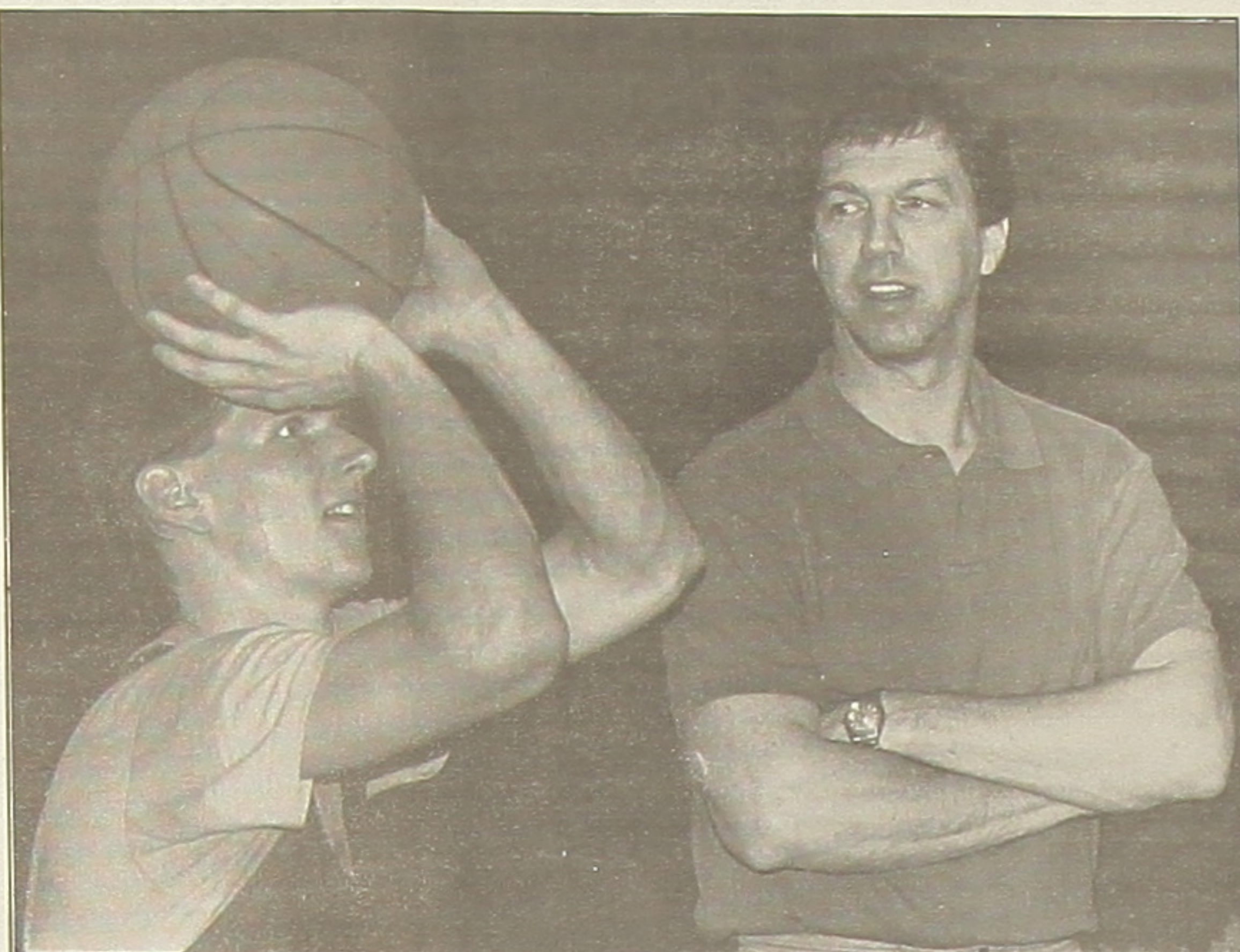
"I was told that I was probably going to die," he said. "But I made up my mind (the cancer) was not going to beat me."

With the support of his wife and two children, Clinton fought the disease.

"At first I thought if I picked up and moved it wouldn't be here," he said. "But then I realized it was a very real disease and got really 'hard-core' and decided to fight all the way."

Following two surgeries and five years of post-operative check-ups, the doctors gave Clinton a "clean bill of health."

"I guess I thought nothing can hurt me



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Back in the game Student assistant Mike Clinton (right) works with junior guard Ronnie Ressel in a recent practice.

now," he said. "I fought cancer and won."

Thinking his battle was over, Clinton tried to return to a normal life. However, all that changed in 1985 when he contracted hepatitis.

"I was very sick for about four months, and my chances for recovery were again few," he said.

After recovering from his illnesses, Clinton decided to share his experience with others. He said he wanted to let other people know "you should never give up, no matter how bad it gets."

"There is a reason that I was able to defeat two serious diseases," he said. "I think I have an obligation to share my situation with others."

After almost 20 years away from college, Clinton said he met a man who

showed him how to finish his education without financial worries.

"I really wanted to go back to school, but money was kind of tight and I didn't think I would ever get the chance," Clinton said. "The one day while I was working in Kentucky, an ex-basketball coach told me I could finish school by working as a student assistant."

In 1988, Clinton returned to Joplin and approached Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, about obtaining a position as a student assistant coach with the men's basketball team.

"Coach Frazier was very receptive," said Clinton. "He directed me to Coach [Chuck] Williams, and everything worked out just fine. I found out Coach needed an assistant, and I wanted the position."

He stayed on as a student assistant following last year's change in head coaches. When Robert Corn took control of the program, he said he was glad to have Clinton already on the staff.

"Michael is very enthusiastic and dedicated," Corn said. "He makes a solid contribution to our basketball program."

Clinton anticipates graduation in May with a bachelor of science degree in secondary physical education. He would like to stay at the college level in coaching. He said he enjoys working with young men and helping them shape their lives.

"I can relate my illness to the young men," he said. "I tell them that no matter how bad it gets, you can never give up."

"You have got to fight with everything you've got until it's over."

Lincoln drops football; Southern may go west

The football Lions will have to find a new opponent for the 1990 season opener.

The vacancy exists because of the recent decision by Lincoln University to drop football at least for the 1990 season. The program cost the university about \$200,000 last season, and attendance for home games ranged from 200 to 400.

The Blue Tigers, who finished 1-10 in 1989 and had not had a winning season since 1972, were down to 12 eligible players for next fall's season.

"The upside to this is that it's our very first game," said Jon Lantz, Southern head football coach. "But it should

be fairly easy to find a game to fill the hole."

According to Lantz, the athletic department is mulling over three possibilities. The first is to play only nine games.

"Traveling is a possibility if we can get the right situation," Lantz said. "We could play up a division (NCAA I-AA) and maybe look to go west, like California or Arizona."

"Or we could stay at home and play down a level (NCAA Division III) to give us six home games. Either way, this comes at a great time for us."

The Lions defeated Lincoln 24-9 in the 1989 season opener.

Earlier loss, tragedies team to hurt Lady Lions

Gabriel cites turnovers, rebounding problems in defeat

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
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Head coach Janet Gabriel said two factors contributed to last night's 80-62 loss to Southeast Missouri State University in Young Gymnasium: Missouri Southern's 43-point loss to SEMO earlier in the season and the deaths of family members of two of the players.

"The combination of both factors made our kids a little uneasy," Gabriel said. "We were ready to play, but SEMO is an outstanding team."

The mother of Keri DeWitt, sophomore reserve center, was killed early yesterday morning in a car accident. Four days ago, junior Caryn Schumaker's grandfather died, and she left immediately after last night's game to attend the funeral. Gabriel said the tragedies are not totally responsible for the loss, but she does think

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Going into last night's game, SEMO was ranked 16th in NCAA Division II.

"SEMO's ranking didn't really affect us," said senior forward Susie Walton. "We stuck together and never gave up. SEMO is good, but we could have beat them. We just stopped playing defense."

Haynes agreed that Southern did not perform as well defensively against the visitors from Cape Girardeau.

"We didn't move our feet on defense," she said. "We did not set ourselves up for how fast they were."

Last Saturday, the Lady Lions lost in overtime to Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. Gabriel said Southern played a great game, but got into foul trouble.

"We have a young bench," Gabriel said. "They are not responding when I call for

"Janet's group was ready to play. I think they played their hearts out considering the tragedy. [Tammy] Eaton and [Terri] Haynes are excellent three-point shooters. Our team is beginning to feel the effects of being on the road. Southern made us work hard for our win."

—Ed Arnzen, SEMO head coach

they affected the team.

"Sure, the girls were a little upset, but what really hurt us was our turnovers and lack of rebounding," she said.

Ed Arnzen, SEMO head coach, said his team was "unable to deny Southern the ball from the inside." Arnzen said the Otahkians, now 18-4, have been on the road and were getting tired, which he said made the victory more difficult.

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point shooters."

With a record of 8-13, the Lady Lions are now preparing for a tight schedule. On Saturday, the team travels to Maryville for a contest against Northwest Missouri State University. On Monday Southern plays in Topeka against Washburn University, and on Wednesday the Lady Lions will meet the University of Missouri-Rolla at home.

"Right now we are ranked eighth in the MIAA," Gabriel said. "But it is not over yet. There is nothing easy left. The rest of our schedule is very competitive."

My Opinion



Anything is possible, says 'ball handler'

Incredible! No, wait, unbelievable! OK, OK, phenomenal! In case you are wondering what I am talking about, I am sure that anyone who attended last week's game against Pittsburg State University noticed the halftime show. That's what was so incredible.

Tanya Crevier, standing only 5-foot-3, dribbled, balanced, and rolled basketballs all over the floor of Young Gymnasium. I was amazed. I mean, I knew it was possible for a person to twirl a ball on her finger but on the edge of a hoola-hoop, no way.

Crevier is a former professional women's basketball player who has been making her living for the past nine years entertaining at colleges and universities across the nation.

Raye Pond, Lady Lions assistant coach, met Crevier at a basketball camp last summer and persuaded the professional "ball handler" to perform at Missouri Southern.

Crevier has performed during many National Basketball Association games and has met her share of professional athletes, including Michael Jordan and Julius Irving.

During her performance here, Crevier pulled several members of the audience onto the court and encouraged them to participate in her routines. The audience responded to its peers out there in front of hundreds of people making a fool or hero of themselves. The crowd applauded and cheered as Crevier showed her "guinea pigs" how simple her feats really were.

Simple or not, there is no way on earth I could juggle four basketballs, not even two basketballs. She would dribble the ball so low to the ground that it looked like she was not dribbling it at all.

Crevier said she is planning to take her show "all over the world."

"I want to spend at least two years overseas and perform everyday," she said.

OK, so I'd like to go overseas, too, but I do not want to have to work everyday. Crevier said she does not consider her "job" work as she draws immense self-satisfaction from performing for an audience.

Crevier had the undivided attention of several aspiring basketball heroines. They flocked around her, begging for autographs and words of encouragement. I was among these admirers, but for a different reason. I, of course, was trying to get material for my column.

As I patiently waited for Crevier to take time to speak with me, I marveled at the way she talked to her admirers. She is very down-to-earth and was patient answering questions and signing autographs.

Finally my opportunity came to speak with Crevier. I still was so astonished at her performance that I was unable to maintain my "cool" professional air. I kind of stumbled over my words because my amazement was evident.

"How long did it take you to learn those tricks?" I asked. "How did you balance the basketball on the edge of the hoola-hoop?" The questions became endless, and Crevier, calm in her answers, told me all I needed to know. She gave me a brochure describing her halftime show and all of her accomplishments. The list is endless. In addition to performing at college and NBA halftimes, Crevier also hosts clinics and has been featured in several television programs and movies.

Crevier's halftime show was by far the most exciting and entertaining performance I have ever seen. Probably the most important thing about Crevier's performance is that she is spreading a message to all basketball fans. Anything is within our grasp, if only we reach for it.

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Lions drop overtime decision

BY MARK ETTER
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Outscored 16-5 in overtime, the basketball Lions suffered a 96-85 loss to MIAA rival Southeast Missouri State University last night.

Earnest Taylor and Dwayne Rutherford paced SEMO with 20 points each. Mike Rader led the Lions with 21 points, and Sam Wilcher contributed 19 points and 12 rebounds.

"Mike and Sam both really played hard," said Robert Corn, head coach. "I thought [David] Lurvey contributed well off the bench. Everyone played very hard, but there were some two- to three-minute lapses that must be taken care of."

The loss dropped the Lions to 8-10 overall and 4-5 in the MIAA South Division. It also marked the second defeat to the 16-3 Indians this year.

"It was very physical out there tonight," said Wilcher. "It was a disappointing loss, but we plan to hold our heads high and keep the team up until the season is over."

"We executed better and seemed to get into our offense," said Lurvey. "It was like a war out there. We just kept climbing back into it until the end."

The Lions, who play five of their last

eight games on the road, start Saturday at Northwest Missouri State. The contest marks the first meeting between the two schools in 10 years.

"This is a big basketball game for us," said Corn. "We are fighting Northwest for a playoff spot, and the game is on the road."

"I imagine we have some pretty tired legs after playing so hard. We will cut back on conditioning in practice to work on execution and mental alertness."

On Wednesday the Lions will try to avenge a Jan. 24 loss to Missouri-Rolla with a home game in Young Gymnasium.

"Playing at home, we feel like we let our fans down when we lose," said Rader. "We have to eliminate the mental breakdowns that really hurt us and we'll be all right."

"We are going to overcome some of these losses," said Lurvey. "Every game we knock at the door a little more. Now we have to hit it harder."

Last Saturday the Lions dropped a 93-76 decision to Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. Trailing 44-41 at halftime, Southern managed to lead the Bearcats in the second half. SBU, now 18-1, pulled away late in the contest.